

## CLAIMS

1. A cover for a child seat having a harness including at least a pair of shoulder straps, each anchored in the backrest of the seat, and a buckle assembly anchored to the seat bottom and adapted for releasable coupling to the shoulder straps, the cover comprising:

a pad sized and contoured to substantially conform to the seat and including a bottom portion, a backrest portion joined to the bottom portion, and two side bolster portions joined to the backrest portion and the bottom portion;

a crotch slot through the bottom portion of the pad to accommodate the buckle assembly;

a pair of side slots through the pad, each side slot extending at least partially along the junction between the backrest portion and a respective side bolster portion;

a pair of back slots through the backrest portion of the pad to accommodate the respective shoulder straps, each of the back slots extending outwardly to the adjacent side slot; and

mating separable fastening elements at the margins of each of the side slots to releasably close the side slots.

2. A cover for a child seat according to claim 1, for a seat having a plurality of vertically spaced pairs of backrest locations for adjustably anchoring the shoulder straps, wherein the backrest portion of the pad comprises a like plurality of pairs of back slots to accommodate the respective shoulder straps, the back slots extending outwardly to the respective adjacent side slots, and wherein the side slots extend to a height at or near the height of the uppermost pair of back slots.

3. A cover for a child seat according to claim 1, wherein the mating separable fastening elements comprise mating hook and loop fasteners.

4. A cover for a child seat according to claim 1, further comprising a release slot through the pad at each side thereof, each release slot having mating separable fastening elements at its margins and extending from the respective side slot to an adjacent outer side edge of the pad.

5. A cover for a child seat according to claim 4, wherein each release slot meets a bottom of the respective side slot.
6. A cover for a child seat according to claim 5, wherein the mating separable fastening elements comprise mating hook and loop fasteners.
7. A cover for a child seat according to claim 4, for a seat having a plurality of vertically spaced pairs of backrest locations for adjustably anchoring the shoulder straps, wherein the backrest portion of the pad comprises a like plurality of pairs of back slots to accommodate the respective shoulder straps, the back slots extending outwardly to the respective adjacent side slots, and wherein the side slots extend to a height at or near the height of the uppermost pair of back slots.
8. A cover for a child seat according to claim 7, wherein each release slot meets a bottom of the respective side slot.
9. A cover for a child seat according to claim 8, wherein the mating separable fastening elements comprise mating hook and loop fasteners.
10. A cover for a child seat according to claim 1, for a seat having a five-point harness with two lap straps anchored in the seat bight portion of the seat, further comprising a pair of lap strap slots through the pad to accommodate the respective lap straps, each of the lap strap slots extending outwardly to the adjacent side slot.
11. A cover for a child seat according to claim 10, wherein the mating separable fastening elements comprise mating hook and loop fasteners.
12. A cover for a child seat according to claim 10, for a seat having a plurality of vertically spaced pairs of backrest locations for adjustably anchoring the shoulder straps, wherein the backrest portion of the pad comprises a like plurality of pairs of back slots to accommodate the respective shoulder straps, the back slots extending outwardly to the respective adjacent side slots, and wherein the side slots extend to a height at or near the height of the uppermost pair of back slots.

13. A cover for a child seat according to claim 10, for a seat having either a five-point harness or a three-point harness, further comprising a release slot through the pad at each side thereof, each release slot having mating separable fastening elements at its margins and extending from the respective side slot to an adjacent outer side edge of the pad.